

VETSNET AWARDS: BASIC COMPENSATION HANDOUTS

PURPOSE OF LESSON

The purpose of this lesson is to teach the trainees how to input data into the VETSNET Awards system for basic grants & denials.

At the end of this lesson, the trainee will be able to:

- Understand the three ways to access a veteran's record in VETSNET
- Understand how to use basic VETSNET Awards screens to input original grants & denials

MATERIALS/ TRAINING AIDS

- *VETSNET Awards Trainee Handouts*
- VETSNET video

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REFERENCES

VETSNET Awards Guide located at

<http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/Systems/awards.htm>

VETSNET AWARD INPUT LIMITATIONS

Types of actions that can be input into VETSNET Awards

- Original Service-Connected grants
- Non service-connected determinations
- SMC K or higher
- Electronic or paper checks
- Dependents
- Retired Pay, Separation & Drill Pay
- Severance pay (without bilateral factor)
- Adjustments to running awards in VETSNET

Types of actions that cannot be input into VETSNET Awards

- Severance pay with bilateral factor
- Pension cases
- Incompetent veterans
- Incarcerated or hospitalized veterans
- Cases with debts
- Foreign cases
- Tort cases
- Dual Entitlement
- RECA benefits
- Death benefits (DIC, Death Pension, burials & accrued)

BASIC ELIGIBILITY SCREEN

The **Basic Eligibility Decisions** that can be recorded for Disability Compensation are:

- Administrative Error
- Beneficiary Error
- Claim Withdrawn
- Death of Beneficiary
- Eligible Beneficiary*
- Failed to Furnish Requested Evidence
- Forfeiture
- Fraud
- Fugitive Felon
- Not Properly Signed
- Not the Proper Claimant
- Renouncement
- Treason
- Elected FECA
- Election Required Due to FECA Eligibility
- No Waiver of Retired Pay
- Re-Elected Retired Pay
- On Active Duty
- Return to Active Duty

*This reason is used to pay/reinstate benefits when the veteran's award has been denied/terminated for one of the other reasons. It has other uses in death claims.

DEPENDENCY SCREEN: AWARD STATUS & DECISION OPTIONS

Relationship type	Award Status	Decision
Spouse	Spouse	Dependency established
		No longer A&A
	A&A spouse	Rated A&A
		Dependency established
	Not an award dependent	Death
		Failed to confirm dependency
		Incarcerated
		Not an award dependent
		Marriage terminated
		Relationship not established
		Failed to furnish requested evidence
Parent	Parent	Dependency established
	Not an award dependent	Death
		Failed to confirm dependency
		Incarcerated
		Not an award dependent
		Relationship not established
		Failed to furnish requested evidence
Child	Minor child	Eligible minor child
	Helpless child	Rated helpless
	School child	School Attendance begins
		Marriage terminated
	Not an award dependent	Death
		Failed to confirm dependency
		Incarcerated
		Insufficient school hours
		School Attendance terminates
		Stepchild not in household
		Stepchild relationship terminates
		Turns 18

DIARY ACTIONS AVAILABLE IN AWARDS

Diary Name	Diary Code
10 Month Clothing Allowance Review	CL1
100% Unemployable Review	02
Disappearance – 7 Year Review	13
EVR Extended Suspense Control	43
EVR Selection Control	41
EVR Suspense Control	42
Expiration of Employability Control	32
Follow-Up on Paragraph 28 Review	94
Future Physical Examination	01
Helpless Child Reaches Majority	20
Helpless Child Review	03
IU LTR Not Sent – 2 nd Notice	34
Issue Dependency Verification Form	24
Local Regional Office Special Use	30
Paragraph 28 Review	93
Reduction Under 38 CFR 3.551(B)	11
Reservist Requires Drill Pay Days	27
Restore Under 38 CFR 3.556(D)	12
Return of Dependency Verification Form	25
Review Hardship Expense	26
Review Hospital Status Every 6 Months for 2 Years	95
Review Need for Reevaluation	39
VR&C Motivational Contact	14
Verify Income or Dependency	22
Verify School Attendance	21
Veteran Hospitalized 100% Greater Than 3 Months	92

